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Title: VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR-LIKE PROTEIN
FROM ORF VIRUS NZ2 BINDS AND ACTIVATES MAMMALIAN
VEGF RECEPTOR-2, AND USES THEREOF

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO CHANGE THE DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully request permission to substitute Figure 1 with attached Figures 1A and 1B. Applicants also respectfully request permission to substitute Figures 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7A 7B, 8 and 9 with the attached respective Figures 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7A 7B, 8 and 9.

These drawing changes do not add new matter to the application. Specifically, the substitute figures are submitted in response to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review of April 5, 2000, to overcome the objections contained therein to Figures 1, 4A, 4B, 7A and 7B. New Figures 1A and 1B collectively are identical to original Figure 1, except that the font size now complies the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(3). New Figures 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7A 7B, 8 and 9 are identical to original Figures 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7A 7B, 8 and 9 other than the font size and arrangements of figure legends. The new figures also generally are of higher quality than the original figures.

Accordingly, entry of the substitute figures are respectfully requested. If there should be any issues concerning these above or any other issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss the issues.

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